

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The specification has been amended to provide a brief description of FIGS. 32-36 as requested by the Examiner. As stated above, Applicants elect Transmission 1, FIGS. 1-5, Surface 3, FIG. 27d, and Holding Device 3, FIG. 33, with claims 69-98, 110-133, 135-146, 161-165, 171, 176 and 179, readable thereon and respectfully traverse the requirement for restriction for the following reasons:

It is believed that any search for the invention embodied in FIGS. 1-5, FIG. 27d, and FIG. 33 would necessarily include a search for the species shown in the remaining figures identified by the Examiner. Thus, the simultaneous search for all species is believed not to constitute an unreasonable search for the Patent Examiner.

In addition, it is believed that the objectives of streamlined examination and compact prosecution would be promoted if a search were conducted simultaneously for all species. Also, the necessity of filing multiple patent applications in this case does not serve to promote the public interest because of the extra expense that is involved, in filing fees and examination costs, as well as the burden upon the public, due to the necessity of searching through a multiplicity of patent files in

order to find the complete range of the subject matter claimed in several different patents that could otherwise be found in one issued patent only.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications for the non-elected species.

For all these reasons, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121 be withdrawn and that an action on the merits of all the claims be rendered.

In summary, the specification has been amended, and Transmission 1, FIGS. 1-5, Surface 3, FIG. 27d, and Holding Device 3, FIG. 33, have been elected with traverse. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the claims be allowed and that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted
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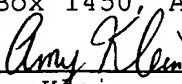
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